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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: LONDON 6393 (NOTAL), STATE 97854

1. PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY SIR T//HOMAS BRIMELOW
CALLED DCM TO FOREIGN OFFICE MAY 2 TO RECEIVE A FORMAL
REPLY TO OUR DEMARCHE OF APRIL 28 ON RESETTLEMENT OF
VIETNAM REFUGEES. BRIMELOW INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH
RESPONSE HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S
PARTY IN KINGSTON.

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2. BRIMELOW MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY:

A) HMG HAS CONSIDERED SYMOATHETICALLY THE US APPROACH ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

B) 118 VIETNAMESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN, OR ARE BEING, ADMITTED. THESE COMPRISE 84 CHILDREN AND 2 LOCALLY-ENGAGED MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN SAIGON, TOGETHER WITH ONE DEPENDENT; 11 EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN EXPRESS AND 10 DEPENDENTS; AND 10 VIETNAMESE VISITORS WHO WERE ALREADY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. IN ADDITION DIPLOMATS IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN LONDON AND OTHER VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE ALREADY SOENT SOME TIME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, NUMBERING IN ALL ABOUT L38, WILL, SUBJECT TO PERSONAL ACCEPTABILITY, BE ALLOWED TO STAY IF THEY MAKE INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION.

C) HMG HAS ALSO NOW AGREED THAT UP TO 100 OTHER REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IF THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF TIE WITH THE UK, OR A KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, AND WISH TO SETTLE IN THIS COUNTRV. ADMISSION WILL BE SUBJECT TO PERSONAL ACCEPTABILITY AND SPONSORSHIP BY A RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION IN THE UK, E.G., THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR AID TO REFUGEES.

D) CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, POSSIBLY ON 5 MAY, ABOUT MINISTERS' DECISION IN THIS MATTER. THE USG IS REQUESTED NOT TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR OWN FOR THE PRESENT.

E) IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY CONTACT J. H. MALLETT IN THE MIGRATION AND VISA DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ASSUME USG IS DEVELOPING SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR REFERRING VIETNAM REFUGEES TO THIRD COUNTRIES WHERE THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES OF RE-SETTLEMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2E ABOVE AND OARA 2, LONDON 6393, WE WOULD AOPPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY SPECIFICS WHICH WE CAN USE IN PURSUING THE QUESTION WITH THE MIGRATION AND VISA DEPARTMENT OF FCO.
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